

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1 – 88 (Canceled)

Claim 89 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 85~~ A toy figure comprising:
an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

first and second shaft members captured in and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity;

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, each of the pair of articulating limbs comprising:

a first member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the first member connected to one of the shaft members, the first member comprising two shells and concealed means for securing the shells together,

a second member connected to the distal end of the first member, wherein the second member has a proximal end and a distal end, the second member having a retention element at its proximal end, wherein the shells of the first member capture the retention element of the second member, and

a third member with a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the third member pivotally connected to the distal end of the second member,

wherein one of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a bore and the other of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a pin to engage the bore; and

a planar member removably disposed in the central cavity and being operatively associated with the shaft members to control movement of the shaft members.

Claim 90 (Previously presented): The toy figure of claim 89 wherein the pin is concealed within and integral with one of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member.

Claims 91 – 95 (Canceled)

Claim 96 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 94 wherein the retention element~~ A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity;

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, each of the pair of articulating limbs comprising:

a first member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the first member connected to one of the shaft members, and

a second member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the second member connected to the distal end of the first member, wherein the proximal end of the second member comprises a rotational element captured by the distal end of the first member; and

a planar member removably disposed in the central cavity and being operatively associated with the shaft members to control movement of the shaft members.

Claim 97 (Previously presented): The toy figure of claim 96 wherein the rotational element comprises a disk.

Claims 98 – 99 (Canceled)

Claim 100 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 98~~ A toy figure comprising:
an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity;

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, each of the pair of articulating limbs comprising:

a first member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the first member connected to one of the shaft members, and

a second member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the second member connected to the distal end of the first member,

a third member with a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the third member pivotally connected to the distal end of the second member,

wherein one of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a bore and the other of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a pin to engage the bore; and

a planar member removably disposed in the central cavity and being operatively associated with the shaft members to control movement of the shaft members.

Claims 101 – 116 (Canceled)

Claim 117 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 113~~ A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

a shaft structure comprising first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity and a planar member disposed there between, the planar member being removably disposed in the central cavity; and

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, wherein each of the pair of articulating limbs comprises:

a first member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the first member connected to one of the shaft members, the first member comprising two shells and concealed means for securing the shells together,

a second member connected to the distal end of the first member, wherein the second member has a proximal end and a distal end, the second member having a

retention element at its proximal end, wherein the shells of the first member capture the retention element of the second member, and

a third member with a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the third member pivotally connected to the distal end of the second member, wherein one of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a bore and the other of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a pin to engage the bore.

Claim 118 (Previously presented): The toy figure of claim 117 wherein the pin is concealed within and integral with one of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member.

Claims 119 – 123 (Canceled)

Claim 124 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 122 wherein the retention element~~ A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

a shaft structure comprising first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity and a planar member disposed there between, the planar member being removably disposed in the central cavity; and

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, wherein each of the pair of articulating limbs comprises:

a first member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the first member connected to one of the shaft members,

a second member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the second member connected to the distal end of the first member, wherein the proximal end of the second member comprises a rotational element captured by the distal end of the first member.

Claim 125 (Previously presented): The toy element of claim 124 wherein the rotational element comprises a disk.

Claims 126 – 127 (Canceled)

Claim 128 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 126~~ A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

a shaft structure comprising first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity and a planar member disposed there between, the planar member being removably disposed in the central cavity; and

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, each of the pair of articulating limbs comprising:

a first member having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the first member connected to one of the shaft members, and

a second member of one-piece construction having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the second member connected to the distal end of the first member, and

a third member with a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the third member pivotally connected to the distal end of the second member, wherein one of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a bore and the other of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a pin to engage the bore.

Claims 129 – 131 (Canceled)

Claim 132 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 131~~ A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

a shaft structure comprising first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity and a planar member disposed there between, the planar member being removably disposed in the central cavity; and

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, each of the pair of articulating limbs comprising:

a first member having a proximal end and distal end, the first member comprising two shells and concealed means for engaging the shells together,

a second member of one-piece construction with a proximal end and a distal end, the second member having a rotational member at its proximal end to form a movable joint with the distal end of the first member when the two shells of the first member are joined together to capture the rotational member, and

a one-piece third member with a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the third member pivotally connected to the distal end of the second member, wherein one of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a bore and the other of the distal end of the second member and the proximal end of the third member comprises a pin to engage the bore.

Claim 133 (Previously presented): The toy figure of claim 132 wherein the distal end of the second member comprises a bore and the proximal end of the third member comprises a pin to engage the bore.

Claims 134 – 136 (Canceled)

Claim 137 (Currently amended): ~~The toy figure of claim 136 wherein~~ A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

a shaft structure comprising first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity and a planar member disposed there between, the planar member being removably disposed in the central cavity; and

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members, each of the pair of articulating limbs comprising:

a first member having a proximal end and distal end, the first member comprising two shells and concealed means for engaging the shells together,

a second member of one-piece construction with a proximal end and a distal end, the second member having a rotational member at its proximal end to form a movable joint with the distal end of the first member when the two shells of the first member are joined together to capture the rotational member, and

a one-piece third member with a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end of the third member pivotally connected to the distal end of the second member, wherein the proximal end of the third member is molded within the distal end of the second member and the second member comprises a first material having a first melting point and the third member comprises a second material having a second melting point that is higher than the first melting point.

Claim 138 (Previously presented): The toy figure of claim 137 further comprising a fourth member that comprises a material having a melting point lower than the second melting point.

Claims 139 – 140 (Canceled)

Claim 141 (New): A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

first and second shaft members capture in and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity;

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members;

and a planar member operatively associated with the shaft members and removably disposed in and cooperating with the central cavity so as to permit movement between the upper and lower torso members and to control movement of the shaft members independently of the movement of the upper torso member.

Claim 142 (New): A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

first and second shaft members capture in and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity;

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members;

and a planar member operatively associated with the shaft members and held in a stationary position by the central cavity so as to permit movement between the upper and lower torso members and to control movement of the shaft members independently of the movement of the upper torso member.

Claim 143 (New): A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

a shaft structure comprising first and second shaft members captured in and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity and a planar member disposed there between, the planar member being removably disposed in and cooperating with the central cavity so as to permit movement between the upper and lower torso members and to control movement of the shaft members independently of the movement of the upper torso member; and

a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members.

Claim 144 (New): A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

a shaft structure comprising first and second shaft members captured in and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity and a planar member being held in a stationary position by the central cavity so as to permit movement between the upper and lower torso members and to control movement of the shaft members independently of the movement of the upper torso member.

Claim 145 (New): A toy figure comprising:

an upper torso member;

a lower torso member movably connected to the upper torso member, the lower torso member having a central cavity;

first and second shaft members disposed within and extending outwardly from opposite sides of the central cavity;

a planar member disposed in the central cavity between the shaft members so as to permit movement between the upper and lower torso members;

and a pair of articulating limbs connected to opposite sides of the lower torso member by the shaft members.